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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AGRICULTURAL) APRIL 29 -30
MEETING

1. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AGRICULTURAL) MET ON APRIL 29
AND 30 IN LUXEMBOURG. THE MEETING IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

2. THE COUNCIL MEETING IS ALMOST ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE
DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY'S MEAT SECTOR WHICH IS
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CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH CONSUMER PRICES, FALLING CONSUMER DEMAND

AND STRONGLY DECLINING PRODUCER PRICES. TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY HAS TAKEN OR IS ABOUT TO TAKE A NUMBER OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS.

3. AS REGARDS BEEF, THE COUNCIL SUSPENDED ALL IMPORT LICENSES FOR BEEF AND VEAL FOR ONE WEEK EFFECTIVE APRIL 29. MOREOVER, THE COUNCIL IS LIKELY TO DECIDE TO RESTORE THE NORMAL IMPORT DUTY OF 16 PERCENT FOR YOUNG CATTLE FOR FATTENING. IN RECENT MONTHS THIS DUTY WAS 4 TO 8 PERCENT. THE FULL LEVY FOR FROZEN BEEF IS EXPECTED TO BE RESTORED NOTWITHSTANDING THE AGREEMENTS WITH ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY AND THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF BEEF IMPORT LICENSES FOR BOTH OVERSEAS AND EUROPEAN THIRD COUNTRIES IS EXPECTED TO BE GREATLY REDUCED.

4. AS REGARDS POULTRY, EXPORT SUBSIDIES ARE TO BE GREATLY INCREASED IN ORDER TO COPE WITH DOMESTIC POULTRY SURPLUSES.

5. SPECIAL MEASURES TO BOLSTER THE PORK INDUSTRY ARE ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.

6. SINCE MAY 1 IS A EUROPEAN HOLIDY, FULL INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT COUNCIL MEETING MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THURSDAY. WE WILL SEND A FULL REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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